

Attorney Docket No. 21901US2 (C038435/0196414)

Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**USE OF BIOTIN OR A BIOTIN DERIVATIVE FOR SKIN LIGHTENING PURPOSES
AND FOR THE TREATMENT OF SENILE LENTIGINES**

the specification of which

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Application Serial No. _____

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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| 03018730.6 | EP | 26/08/2003 |
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Yes

No

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| <u>PCT/EP2004/009048</u> (Application Serial No.) | <u>12 August 2004</u> (Filing Date) | <u>Pending</u> (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned) |
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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (list name and registration number)

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